

WORKING WITH EVIDENCE:

Source A
is a small part
of a very long
poem called the
Aeneid, by the
roman poet Virgil.
it tells the story of
a legendary Trojan
leader called
Aenas. It was
written at the same
time as Augustus
was emperor and

he liked the poem
very much:

*Remember,
you are a Roman.
it will be your
job to rule over
other countries so
that the world
becomes peaceful,
and everyone
obeys the law.*



source B

This scene from Trajan's Column shows Roman auxiliary infantry and cavalry (good examples of each appear on the right) in combat with Dacian warriors.

Source C

Is from a history of Rome book by the
roman writer Livy; he describes a Roman
attack on a foreign city:

*Paulus called for ten leading men from each city
and told them to have gold and silver brought
out into the public squares. All the gold and sil-
ver was brought collected and at 10:00 am the
soldier were given the signal to attack and
plunder the cites. Each foot soldier had a share
worth a lot of money, while 150 00 people were
led off into slavery.*

Livy's History 29 BC-AD17

Source D from a speech given by a British
chieftain

*The Romans are the only men on earth who
attack poor and rich with the same enthusi-
asm. Robbery, murder, rape are all disguised
under the name 'empire'. They make a desert,
and call it 'peace';*



reason	reason	reason	reason	reason	reason
		Romans wanted more wealth			

TASK

In pairs read sources A, B, C, D, then try to find more reasons or motives to add to the table above

Do any of the reasons disagree with each other?

Most of the writers are Roman. Why does this make it so difficult to find out about Roman motives/reasons?

Why do you think historians disagree about the reasons for the Roman conquests?